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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON AUGUST 5 MEETING (SALT TWO - 710)

1. AT TODAY'S MEETING I MADE FORMAL PRESENTATION OF OUR FOBS PROPOSAL, AND GENERAL ROWNY MADE STATEMENT ON ICBM, SLBM AND MIRV DEFINITIONS, AS WELL AS BACKFIRE HEAVY BOMBER ISSUE. SEMENOV MADE STATEMENT ON THEIR ARTICLE IX (ASM ON AIRCRAFT OTHER THAN BOMBERS). HE ALSO MADE STATEMENT ON USSR ACCEPTANCE (WITHOUT EXCEPTIONS) OF UNBRACKETED LANGUAGE ALONG LINES OUR STATEMENT ON SUBJECT.

2. IN OUR PRIVATE MEETING, WE AGAIN GOT INTO EXTENDED DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE XVIII (SCC PROVISIONS), WITH HIS OPENING SUBJECT BY STATING THAT AT OUR PREVIOUS PRIVATE MEETING HE HAD NOT INCLUDED STATEMENT WHICH HE INTENDED TO MAKE TO ME ON UNACCEPTABILITY OF PRIOR NOTIFICATION, PARA. 2 (B). HE ALSO SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT HE DETECTED CERTAIN "NUANCES" IN MY STATEMENTS ON ARTICLE XVIII AT OUR LAST PRIVATE MEETING, ON WHICH HE HOPED I WOULD EXPAND. MY EFFORTS TO HAVE HIM IDENTIFY THESE NUANCES WERE TO NO AVAIL. DURING COURSE OF OUR DISCUSSION

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I AGAIN EMPHASIZED GREAT IMPORTANCE THAT WE PLACE UPON EXCHANGE

OF INFORMATION AND SAID THAT, JUST AS THROUGHOUT SALT, BOTH SIDES HAVE BROKEN PREVIOUS PRECEDENTS AND AGREED TO THINGS WHICH PRIOR TO SALT MIGHT HAVE BEEN EVEN UNIMAGINABLE. I HOPED THAT THEY COULD LOOK AT EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION PROPOSAL IN SAME LIGHT. WE VERY MUCH FELT THAT IT COULD ESTABLISH ANOTHER IMPORTANT BREAKTHROUGH ON OUR RELATIONSHIP ON STRATEGIC MATTERS.

3. IN OUR DISCUSSION OF MY STATEMENT, AFTER GENERAL ROWNY'S PRESENTATION THAT WE WOULD DISCUSS OTHER DEFINITIONS AT FUTURE MEETINGS, I PARTICULARLY REFERRED TO HEAVY MISSILE DEFINITION AND ASKED WHETHER HE EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO SAY ANYTHING FURTHER ON THIS IN NEAR FUTURE. HE INDICATED THAT HE HAD NO FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS IN MATTER. I NOTED THAT IN LIGHT OF OUR PREVIOUS PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS, ANSWERS FROM HIM WERE STILL OUTSTANDING ON SILO DIMENSION ISSUE, FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS, RAPID RELOAD AND FOBS. I AGREED TO HIS OBSERVATION THAT I OWED HIM ANSWER ON EFFECTIVE DATE ISSUE AND HOPED TO DISCUSS THIS IN MORE DETAIL WITH HIM ON FRIADY. IN REPLY TO HIS QUESTION, I SAID THAT WE DID NOT HAVE ANY LANGUAGE FOR JDT ON THIS MATTER TO PRESENT AT THIS TIME, AS I HOPED TO ARRIVE AT UNDERSTANDING WITH HIM ON PRINCIPLE BEFORE TRYING TO FORMULATE LANGUAGE.

4. HE SAID THEIR STATEMENT AT NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON ARTICLE VII (TEST TRAINING AND SPACE LAUNCHERS).

5. IN HIS BILATERAL WITH ROWNY, TRUSOV CHARACRTERIZED THE FIGURES WHICH ROWNY HAD CITED IN HIS BACKFIRE STATEMENT AS SIMPLY A TRAP TO TRY TO EXTRACT INFORMATION FROM SOVIET SIDE. WE COULD NOT HOPE THAT THIS EFFORT WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL. THERE HAD TO BE TRUST BETWEEN THE SIDES ON MATTERS OF THIS KIND, AND WE SIMPLY HAD TO TRUST THE SOVIET STATEMENT THAT THE BACKFIRE WAS A MEDIUM BOMBER. ROWNY'S EFFORT TO ELICIT FROM TRUSOV SOME STATEMENT ON WHAT CRITERIA THEY APPLIED TO MEDIUM BOMBERS AS COMPARED TO HEAVY BOMBERS WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL.

6. IN HIS BILATERAL WITH MAY, SHCHUKIN SAID HE WELCOMED ROWNY'S STATEMENT ON MIRV DEFINITION, AS IT MADE IT CLEAR THAT BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT ESSENTIAL FEATURE OF MIRV WAS THAT REENTRY VEHICLES COULD BE AIMED INDEPENDENTLY OF EACH OTHER AT PRESELECTED TARGETS. HIGHLIGHTS CABLE WILL CONTAIN THEIR ADDI-

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TIONAL DISCUSSION ON SUBJECT, AS WELL AS ON FOBS.

7. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 8. JOHNSON

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